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As part of the park's 10th anniversary celebration, you can view Hubbard Street's Harris Theater performance on a 40-foot wide, 22-foot tall screen under the stars. The program includes the world premiere of "The Impossible" by resident choreographer Alejandro Cerrudo, plus "Gnawa" by Nacho Duato, "Falling Angels" by Jiri Kylian and "Pacopepepluto" by Cerrudo, 8 p.m. Friday.



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REDEYE TIP OF THE DAY

Friday is National Donut Day: Show your Hailo app at Do-Rite Donuts (50 W. Randolph St.) and get a free old fashioned.





Law enforcement touts Crime Gun Intelligence Center in Chicago

Chicago Tribune

On a high-definition screen overhead, Chicago police surveillance video from a tough West Side street corner played in real time. At desks below, federal and local investigators combed through digital maps showing where violent crimes occur and where the guns involved came from.

The alcove in the Chicago office of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has been turned into a regional gun crime hub, a place where officials from several agencies said Thursday they hope to work together more closely to accelerate in-

vestigations and link crimes to one another.

"The most important thing is the timeliness in which gun violence can be stopped," Alfonza Wysinger, first deputy superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, told reporters Thursday. "This center will be an invaluable asset in identifying, investigating and prosecuting the trigger pullers that are on the streets of Chicago today."

Federal and local agencies have long shared information, but officials said the Chicago Crime Gun Intelligence Center represents a greater level of collaboration and promises to piece together disparate data points to solve past shootings and stop future ones.

"The investigative and intelligence analysis that needs to be done ... it is very time consuming and very labor-intensive," said Carl Vasilko, the special agent in charge of the ATF's Chicago office. "That, frankly, is not where we've done a very good job in the past. We get the hits, we link the crimes, but we don't have the resources and the analysts to devote to the tedious work of trying to piece these puzzles together."

The new center should help that, Vasilko said. The work being done there will be an extension of longstanding ATF efforts but with greater interaction between agencies, he said. Chicago police have joined the project, and the FBI has pledged its help. More than a dozen other agencies—federal, county, municipal, Illinois and Indiana—also are helping out.

Vasilko said porous state lines allow guns that might be connected to multiple crimes to flow into Chicago. By sharing databases and ex-

pertise on a regional and national basis, he said, authorities should be able to solve more crimes.

The Chicago ATF office began overseeing operations in northern Indiana this year, a move that Vasilko said made sense since about 20 percent of guns recovered from Chicago crimes can be traced back to Indiana.

"The reality is these guys, these shooters ... move freely across the borders," said David Capp, the U.S. attorney for northern Indiana. "They commit crimes in Indiana, they come back to Chicago, they commit crimes up here."

Wysinger said the center could have a real impact on Chicago crime.

"By combining all of these law enforcement databases," he said, "we will greatly reduce the time it takes to get evidence back into the hands of our investigators."



Your block is my block is EveryBlock



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I live alone, and I spent my first few months in my new neighborhood, East Village, disconnected. As a renter, my permanence in the neighborhood is always in a state of flux. I don't have roots here like homeowners. I'm not invested in the schools. I don't maintain the pristine structure of my apartment building. Five years or

months or even days from now, I might decide to make the jump to an area that's younger or cheaper or just more convenient.

Our desire for communication has not waned with the ubiquitousness of technology. But what we have done is transferred our "voices" to a new medium, such as sites like the re-launched EveryBlock, Next Door and private, local Facebook groups. Once I learned about these online portals, I felt a greater connection to the world around me. I was no longer just a single renter among other renters and homeowners. I was a member of the community, knowledgeable and connected.

As our society has grown increasingly disconnected from real-life interactions, our methods of communication have turned to the digital. But how do we address tangible issues in our neighborhoods if most of our interactions are online?

Through my interactions within these spaces, I learned about a rise in burglaries and robberies. I had a better understanding of the graffiti defacing properties. And simply learning about the disputes and concerns of my neighbors fueled a better sense of place

and has helped ground me to the faces and sidewalks and businesses around me.

However, as the popularity of these sites grow, so too do interactions fueled by the sort of cruelty and passive-aggressiveness that so easily is born out of anonymity and infinite "space." I can complain about the "outsiders" who bring their children to the local elementary school and threaten the opening of a potential new Trader Joe's from the comfort of my own home. It is easier to view them as people "not like me" when I only have a circumstantial idea of who they are (the adults I see occasionally in the morning or early afternoon), of course.

It's easier to talk about the people around us-negatively and positively-when we don't have to immediately face their reactions. It's less easy to complain about my neighbors when I learn that many of these "outsiders" do live in my neighborhood, and have lived here for far longer than I have. Their concerns are legitimate, too.

Despite the ownership I feel of where I live, thanks much in part to these groups, they also remind me through these interactions that I am not alone here. That is both easier (due to the Internet's anonymity) and more difficult (due to the growing popularity of these sites) to remember. As these sites continue to grow, I imagine they will continue to inhabit dual identities: as community-builder and complaints board, as connector and divider. But maybe the longer someone like me uses them, the more likely I'll be to find a way to see things from a different perspective, to truly exist as a good neighbor and not just one looking to shout among a thousand shouts. BRITT JULIOUS IS A REDEVE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR. BRITT IS A WRITER AND ESSAYEST WHO THINKS ABOUT NEIGHBORHOODS MORE THAN SHE SHOULD.

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#REDEYEWASHERE

Welp. We asked you to share your photos from weekend street fests on Instagram and Twitter with the #getfested hashtag. And, oh man, did you deliver.

Our new weekly summer feature is off and running-check back each week for a new #getfested challenge designed to help you make the most of the weekend. Snap a photo of yourself or a friend completing the challenge and post it on Instagram or Twitter with the hashtag #getfested. The best will make it to our paper and website!

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE:

Show us your favorite fest outlit-yours or someone else's. Don't forget to use the #getfested hashtag! Use these staff favorites for inspiration.



Fest season commenced this weekend. ONE down .. a BAZILLION more to gol" -@vintageminnow at Do-Division



"I finally made it!!!"

"#getfested takes a whole new meaning ... he did division." @carmoods at Do-Division

BONUS!

Use the ffredeyewashere hashtag if you spot our mascot at Printer's Row Lit Fest and be entered for a chance to win classes from Chicago Sailing, More info at redeyechicago.com/ redeyewashere.



CORRECTION

An event listing in Thursday's edition incorrectly listed the address of this month's Activate event. It took place in the Chicago Theater alley on N. State St. between Lake and Randolph streets.













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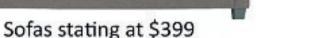
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Hot funds in the summer

Organizers say dwindling 'suggested donations' make fests less feasible, while others ask what the money is for

By Mick Swasko I REDEYE

It's just a suggestion, and more Chicagoans are taking it that way when it comes to coughing up cash before entering a fest.

Suggested donations are a neighborhood fest staple, a product of event organizers attempting to cover costs while still following the city's ordinances prohibiting charging admission to a gathering in the public way. But with a still-struggling economy and an increasing number of festival options in Chicago, festival organizers say donations are way down. Yet a coalition of Chicago neighborhood groups recently called upon some fests in their areas to open up their ledgers and prove that the donated money is going to the right places.

As Chicago comes down from a weekend at Wicker Park's Do-Division and gears up for festivals such as North Center's RibFest and Andersonville's Midsommerfest, the perennial question is asked: Will Chicago choose to pay the piper at the gates again, or duck the donations?

"It's been really hard," said Hank Zemola, CEO of Chicago Special Events Management, which provides fest services like security, gate management and logistics. "Some of these groups have been [hosting fests] for 20 or 25 years, and they are getting really discouraged."

Zemola said donations at fests have sharply declined since 2009. He estimates that fests which may have once peaked at \$100,000 in gate donations are now seeing more like \$40,000 to \$50,000. It's a combination of the public's lack of spending cash, an oversaturation of weekend events and, in many cases, a general misunderstanding by the public of where the money actually goes.

"People don't get it," he said. "They don't get most of these events are fundraisers. They think it's just a big party and don't know where the expenses are."

Zemola—whose clients include Roscoe Village Burger Fest, Oyster Fest and Wells Street Art Festival, among dozens of others—explained donations have many uses, which vary

What's this fest worth to you?

By Kate Bernot | REDEYE

Whether or not to pay the suggested donation at a street festival probably isn't the most vexing decision you'll make this summer. (It's got nothing on the "skirt or romper?" quagmire.) But when you're passing through the temporary gates and a fest volunteer's expectant eyes lock with yours, how's a person to decide whether to fork over the cash?

1st

How much time are you planning to spend at the fest? If you're just walking down that street to get to a friend's apartment, I wouldn't worry about skipping the donation. But if you're

apartment, I wouldn't worry about skipping the donation. But if you're making a whole day of the fest, listening to the bands and browsing the vendors, then consider whether that entertainment is worth a few bucks.

Most likely, it is. Think about how much you'd spend to see a band in concert; it's probably way more than the \$5 or \$10 fest donation. We all prefer high-quality music instead of some high schoolers' cover band, but organizers need a budget to make that happen.

2nd

Consider whether the fest is in your neighborhood.

Your donation could make a difference to schools or the local chamber of commerce. If you've wanted to see some flowers planted or new benches installed, you should probably hand over a few bucks to help make it happen. Most of us don't have the spare cash to fund the programs that

make our neighborhoods better, but a fest donation earns you a share of the warm fuzzies.

3rd

Can you afford the donation? A \$5 suggested donation is fairly standard, but some fests ask \$10 on top of the money you'll spend on beer and food. When I was fresh out of college, I could stretch \$10 a long way. If donating a whole ten spot feels like a lot, consider giving just a few dollars. And if you really can't spare the cash, don't feel judged. There are way more

egregious fest crimes—just ask the sunburned dude puking into a planter.

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event to event. For one, they cover the cost of entertainment. Additionally, the money made can go to a local chamber of commerce or community organization to improve the area throughout the year. In many cases, additional funds are doled out to charities, schools and non-profits in the community.

Specific to Burger Fest, which is hosted by the Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce, costs exceed \$300,000 to put on the event, according to committee chair and chamber president Ron Kinn. About one-third of that cost is covered by donations, which Kinn said have held relatively steady. But the price has gone up, from \$7 last year to \$8 this year, mostly to cover increasing costs and better entertainment.

"A lot of people don't realize the city is not paying for this," he said. "It's nonprofits putting themselves out there and taking a risk. The percentage of revenue the chamber depends on for these fests is huge. Without them, it would change our model for everything we do in the community."

But the declining donations could signal a reckoning for many.

"I think these next few years are going to be make or break for a lot of events," Zemola said, adding that 2013 was the final year for two of his clients—Lincoln Park Arts Festival and Lincoln Live Festival—due to the decreases in donations.

At North Center's RibFest, event management company Big Buzz Ideas has also seen some decline. Melissa Lagowski, the company's owner, said they had once estimated a 75 percent donation rate. Now, it is more like 60 to 70 percent.

"In the last few years, it has been challenging," she said. "Many years ago, our fests used to see much higher donation ratios."

The company has combated the losses with a grant program it offers local nonprofits. At RibFest, for example, about 600 volunteers are needed. Nonprofits are allowed to offer up volunteers in exchange for a guaranteed grant to their organization. The volunteers are then trained to politely greet patrons at the gate, with the hope they'll inform them that their donations are going to benefit their causes.

"They see skepticism at the gates," she said. "People sometimes don't believe [where their money goes] because other fests aren't always upfront and honest."

Steve Jensen, president of the Bucktown Community Organization, shares a certain amount of skepticism of donations. Last week, he and four other community organizations formed a coalition and released a statement, calling for more transparency in their processes when it comes to taking money.

"There's a lot going on in our city and our neighborhoods that people are seemingly taking advantage of us," he said of the coalition, which also includes the Wicker Park Committee, Ukrainian Village Neighborhood Association, East Village Association and Chicago Grand Neighbors Association. "If the neighborhoods are going to bear the brunt of these [fests]—everything from people parking on our side streets to drunken urination and fights—we felt that it was our time to demand where the finances go."

Jensen said the coalition was formed after several occasions when questions about finances were "misdirected or ignored" by different organizations that host fests in those neighborhoods. After releasing the statement, Jensen said they have already gotten preliminary numbers from Do-Division and West Fest, but are still waiting on others.

"This is not to be misconstrued that we're looking for money," he said. "We need ... the true transparent information in order for us to champion these fests."

At the end of the day, though, it's going to be up to patrons on whether they'll take the "suggestion."

"I try to pay when I can," said Azure Anderson, 23, of Rogers Park, "especially if it's a neighborhood I am familiar with or work in or am a frequent visitor in. I know it is going to make a difference."

Northwestern student and North Center resident Michael McCarthy, 20, isn't sold on the suggestion. He skipped donations more often than not last summer.

"Once I realized they're not going to chase after me, I'd rather save that \$5 and spend it inside," he said. "It's just a suggestion, do I really need to pay that much?"

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The new VH1 reality series "Swab Stories" will film Friday on the Near North Side, Saturday in Lincoln Park and Monday outside the Willis Tower.



Odds favor Emanuel in Fallon bet

Chicago Tribune

When Mayor Emanuel bet late-night host Jimmy Fallon that Chicago's children would read 2.4 million books this summer in order to bring "The Tonight Show" back to Chicago, it sounded like a lofty gamble.

But the odds are stacked in the mayor's favor, officials said.

Last summer, Chicago children read 2.1 million books during their break in part because Emanuel said he would jump into the icy waters of Lake Michigan if they did. This new bet raises the stakes, but the pot is more enticing, said Ruth Lednicer, a spokeswoman

for the Chicago Public Library.

"Last year, when he set the bar at 2 million books, we were a little nervous," Lednicer said. "But our kids not only met it, they surpassed it. Adding another 300,000 books ... it's a challenge, but we're confident. And if it will bring 'The Tonight Show' to Chicagoour kids will do it."

It helps that the Chicago Public Library already has plans to expand its Summer Learning Program, which kicks off Monday, to include more children than past years.

After making his bet, Emanuel admitted he was unclear as to whether the bet was

2.4 or 2.5 million, but then jokingly said it didn't matter because he'd have his own accounting firm handling the count.

While the summer reading challenge is in good fun, the science behind it is serious, said Elizabeth McChesney, the director of Children's Services for CPL.

'As a librarian, I know that the summer slide is real and kids can lose up to three months of their skills during break," she said. "We always have been committed to keeping kids reading during the summer."

Fallon's staff may want to start scouting out a space to film the show.

Illinois Democrats hit party circuit for Clinton bid

Chicago Tribune

Supporters of a potential presidential bid by Hillary Rodham Clinton, including several prominent Illinois Democrats, attended a pair of downtown fundraisers Thursday, giving cash to a political action committee aimed at providing her help for a 2016 campaign.

Mayor Emanuel was among those attending a \$1,000-a-person fundraiser at Phil Stefani's 437 Rush steakhouse, but he appeared more concerned about getting out quickly to celebrate his anniversary with wife Amy Rule.

"I don't need you for advice," Emanuel told a reporter when asked why he was going to a fundraiser on his anniversary. "I've got 20 years of marriage, and I'm going to take her to dinner."

Attendees, including U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, Attorney General Lisa Madigan and state Senate President John Cullerton, were told by organizers that more than \$100,000 had been raised by the Ready for Hillary super PAC, said a source who was at the restaurant but asked not to be identified.

Later, about 300 people gathered for a fundraiser at John Barleycorn in River North, where the price of admission was a symbolic \$20.16 per person.

Officials for the Ready for Hillary group said fundraising nationally for the super PAC was approaching \$3 million as Clinton, who was born in Chicago and raised in Park Ridge, deliberates on a presidential bid.

About 2,000 Perspectives Charter Schools students march on South State Street between 22nd and 35th streets Thursday in a student-led "I Am For Peace" march in an attempt to disrupt the violence in Chicago before summer break. MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE



EXPRESS LINES

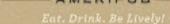
- » A man who pled guilty to strangling his ex-girlfriend in 2012 after he found text messages from another man on her phone has been sentenced to 25 years in prison. authorities said. Angel Santiago, 40, was arrested in Florida and charged with murder in July 2013
- Organizers of the Aug. 24 Transamerica Chicago Triathlon have created a new bike course that starts on the lakefront along Lake Shore Drive before veering onto Lower Wacker Drive. through the financial district and onto the Lower Randolph Busway.
- » Relatives of slain special education teacher Betty Howard have increased the reward they are offering for information about the killing. The amount has been increased to \$8,000. according to community activist Andrew Holmes.



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Beastie Boys win \$1.7M in copyright dispute

A federal jury Thursday awarded the Beastie Boys \$1.7 million in a copyright dispute between the hip-hop group and Monster Beverage Corp. over songs the band says the energy drink maker used without a license in a 2012 promotional video.

Strike halts part of Sao Paolo before World Cup

On a day when a transport workers' strike brought part of Sao Paulo to a halt, Brazil's Sports Minister said it was impossible to promise his country would be ready for next week's opening match of the World Cup.

Police mount massive manhunt in Canada

Canadian police mounted a massive hunt Thursday for a 24-year-old man armed with high-powered weapons who they suspect shot dead three police officers and wounded two more. Hundreds of police, some in armored vehicles, cordoned off a large area in the city's northwest.

At least 10 killed when trains collide in Iran

A passenger train collided with a freight train in northern Iran on Thursday, killing at least 10 people and injuring dozens, Iranian media reported. State TV said the cause of the crash was under investigation by authorities.

Deal reached to ease VA health care delays

Senate negotiators reached a bipartisan deal Thursday to ease health care delays at the Department of Veterans Affairs as the agency's acting boss revealed that 18 veterans on a secret waiting list had died while waiting for VA care in Phoenix.



A group of people hug after a shooting that occured at Seattle Pacific University in Seattle. EPA

dead in Seattle shooting

6 A gunman opened fire Thursday on the campus of a small Christian college in Seattle, killing one person and wounding at least three others before he was subdued by a group of students and arrested, Seattle police and hospital officials said.

A lone suspect entered an academic building of Seattle Pacific University in the late afternoon and shot four people, then was disarmed as he paused to reload his gun and was peppersprayed by a student security guard, police said.

"Other students jumped on top of them, and they were able to pin the shooter to the ground. until police arrived" minutes later, police Captain Chris Fowler told reporters at the scene.

One eyewitness, Chris Howard, a 22-year-

old junior at the university, told Reuters he was in a classroom when one of the male victims rushed in, bleeding from the neck and told students to lock the doors.

Stepping outside the classroom moments later, Howard recounted, he saw the gunman lying on the floor with the student security monitor on top of him, surrounded by bullet shells, and saw a second victim with a tourniquet tied around a bleeding arm, being assisted by another student.

Howard said he also saw a gun and a knife lying on the floor nearby, and that the suspect appeared to be in his mid-30s. He did not believe the man was a student at the college.

Police later said they were interviewing the

suspect, who was not publicly identified.

A representative of Harborview Medical Center in Seattle said four victims were brought to the hospital and that one, a man in his 20s, had died.

Two other men, aged 22 and 24, were listed in satisfactory condition, and a 20-year-old woman was listed as critical and undergoing surgery, the hospital official said.

Further details of the shooting were not immediately clear, and authorities did not offer an explanation for any motive.

Seattle Pacific University is a Methodist liberal arts college about 4 miles north of Seattle's downtown, with about 4,000 students enrolled



THE DIGIT

Chinese military spending exceeded \$145 billion last year as it advanced a program modernizing an arsenal of drones. warships, jets, missiles and cyber weapons, the Pentagon said Thursday, offering

a far higher figure than Beijing's official tally. The Pentagon's estimate, using 2013 prices and exchange rates, was 21 percent above the \$119.5 billion figure announced by China.









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Join The University of Chicago Graham School and The University of Chicago Press at Printers Row Lit Fest, hosted by the Chicago Tribune.

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Hear these alumni authors speak: Lori Hile, author of *Aliens and UFOs*, Elizabeth Wheeler, author of *Asher's Fault*, Leonard Joy, author of *American Past Time*, and Shari Brady, author of *Wish I Could Have Said Goodbye*.

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"You're so good, so young and so talented, I'm not even going to pay attention to you and I'll just assume you'll win it all."

Yeah, I had them on autopilot! I booked

dynasty celebrations for the next four years!

OK, fine, I overrated them. I'll be devil's advocate. Let's trade Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane. Because, you know, they're getting a little old. So let's finally get that stud goalie we've

been needing, and maybe some tougher defensemen, and some guys who can help us with our horrid special teams.

Hey, listen to me. Better to get rid of a guy 13 years too early than 13 years too late! Think about it!

And think about this: The Cubs aren't going to be on WGN anymore! Oh, the memories!

By the way, I love how it went down. The Cubs were sinking more and more, ratings were dropping, and yet they demanded an obscene amount that made no sense for anyone. WGN said, "No, thanks," and moved on. So they move to CBS radio. They're all yours, CBS! You'll be glad you did this—maybe sometime in the next decade?

Not my headache, but, WGN, you've got programming to fill! Let me help! I'm good at this.

Please consider a two-hour cooking show dedicated to Tex-Mex recipes. Perhaps a travel-

oriented show where people can call in about the great hotels they've stayed at!

Hey, I'm just spitballing here. Work with me, I know you've had worse.

Seriously, WGN's best bet. Here it is: They will want the rights to the Cubs minor league games because, be honest, that's where all the talent is! So do a package deal for Iowa (AAA), Tennessee (AA), Daytona (A) and Kane County (A) where you can keep track of Kris Bryant and Jorge Soler and Javier Baez and Albert Almora and anyone else coming along.

That's the future.

Some good news. The Bears' future is here already. There's been fighting during OTAs.

Martellus Bennett got his helmet ripped off!

Now that's a hungry football team. Thank God it's football season, though it always is.

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Construction season

Bag Boy's extreme reaction aside, tearing down the Blackhawks seems like a horrible idea. But what about Chicago's other proteams—is it time to rebuild?

Sky

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT

Once Elena Delle Donne and Co. learn to win in the playoffs, they might be a juggernaut.

Bears

With a high-powered offense and a retooled defense, they're ready to win now. Or at least they should be. Don't hit the panic button for at least two seasons.

Bulls

The big question: Will Derrick Rose ever be the same? You couldn't blame the Bulls if they tried to rebuild around Joakim Noah and Jimmy Butler instead.



Fire

While goalkeeper **Sean Johnson** is a terrific
starting point, the rest
of the puzzle seems
incomplete. Unless the
next four months hold
more wins than ties.

White Sox

Other than Jose Abreu and Chris Sale, the Sox might want to listen to any offer that comes their way.

Cubs

[Pardon their dust. May be competitive again by 2018.]

PRESS RESET

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JOSE!

Quite the return from injury for the White Sox slugger. Maybe he can teach these five a thing or two.



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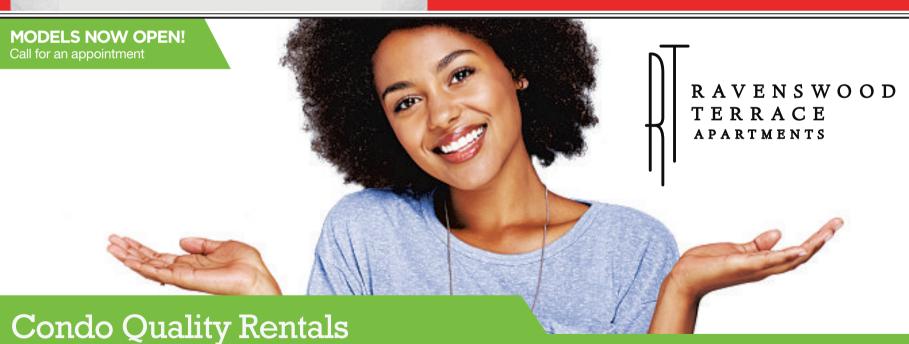


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| | Jose Abreu's home run binge continues. What's his secret? | Don't have a clue, but let's ask his new bat boy, Sammy Sosa. | Years ago, in a land far, far away, he practiced very hard at hitting a baseball. | Being free of the restrictions of the American baseball culture. | Corked bat and steroids. Wait, that was everybody else. | I think someone is secretly sending him Cuban sandwiches from home, commonly known as a "mixto." |
| 2 | What does the NFL have against Roman numerals all of the sudden? | VVho knovvs. | "Sesame Street" threatened a lawsuit if there was a Super Bowl brought to you by the letter "L." | If the NFL can't make bank off of it, they don't want it. | Pre-emptive strike against Liv Tyler stealing the spotlight during Super Bowl 54. | The Roman numeral for 50 is L. So it's like you're buying a loser's shirt. Better to go with digits. Good call. More exciting. |
| 3 | Which award will Joakim Noah win next? | The Derrick Rose Face of the Franchise Award. Oh, wait, he's already won that. | He'll accidentally receive a best actress award from the Erotic Film Oscars for best girl-girl scene. | Chicagoan of the Year. | A share of the Larry O'Brien. YOU HEARD ME. | The "non-tampering tamper- er's MVP Award" for getting Carmelo Anthony to sign with the Bulls. |
| 4 | What will be different about the Cubs when their radio broadcasts move to WBBM? | Instead of seventh-inning stretches, they'll have traffic and weather on the 8s. | Instead of being on the World's Greatest Newspaper, they'll be on Where Base Ball Matters. OK, that didn't work. | The culture. There's nothing wrong with wanting to be taken seriously. | [comment deleted] | I don't know, but here's a new slogan for WBBM: 'Traffic, weather and Cubs losses on the 8si' |
| 5 | If California Chrome wins the Belmont to complete the Triple Crown | then his next stops will be Fillydelphia and Mare-land. Rawr. | he still will be working in animal-like conditions. | we can all go back to doing what we were doing before. | I'll be shocked. That extra quarter mile won't be kind to CC. | he'll be the most important horse out of California since Seabiscuit. |







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He talks, he scores!

Blackhawks TV play-by-play man Pat Foley will enter the Hockey Hall of Fame as a media honoree in November after being recognized with the Foster Hewitt Memorial Award for broadcasting. Foley just completed his 31st season with the Hawks. "It is very humbling to be recognized for such a prestigious honor and I am overly thankful," he said in a statement.



HOT DATES

JULY 12 AND 13

That's when "Sports Jeopardy!" with host **Dan Patrick** will hold auditions in Chicago for the new TV quiz show's first season. The show is coming to Crackle later this year. Invitations to audition will be emailed to potential contestants who have registered at **sportsjeopardy.azurewebsites.net/index.html**.

Chicago = draft central?

The NFL Draft may be moving in 2015 and Chicago is being considered as a potential host. According to a report on the league's website, next year's draft will not take place at Radio City Music Hall, its traditional home. Instead, the NFL is doing reconnaissance on potential venues in Chicago, L.A. and New York. The dates and destination for next year's draft are expected to be locked in by the end of the summer.



NU draws a blank

If you've been wanting to get your hands on a Trevor Siemian jersey—or that of

any Northwestern football player-you're out of luck. NU is one of three schools (along with Texas A&M and Arizona) that have decided to no longer sell football jerseys with players' numbers on them. Northwestern will sell only blank iersevs or those bearing No. 51, worn by coach Pat Fitzgerald during his Wildcats career.

THE FINISH LINE

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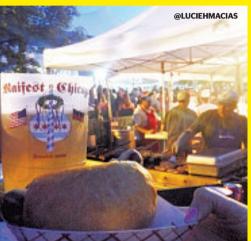
RIBFEST CHICAGO

Where: 4000 N. Lincoln Ave. When: 5-10 p.m. Friday; noon-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

How much: \$5 suggested donation **Don't miss:** Bring your appetite—Ribfest Chicago will serve up more than 50,000 pounds of pork from vendors including Chicago BBQ Company, Q-BBQ Lakeview, The Smoke Daddy and others. Watch competitive eaters battle for a \$4,000 prize during RibMania V (6 p.m. Friday)—or just snack on the offerings yourself (\$6 for two-bone sampler; \$11 for a half-slab; \$20 for a full slab). Want to go all out? Purchase a \$99 VIP ticket, which gets you \$50 in food tickets, a commemorative shirt and hat and skip-the-line privileges at the beer tents: ribfest-chicago.com







#GetFested

All summer long, we're asking you to show us your best fest photos with the hashtag **#GetFested**. Last week, we challenged you to show us what you were eating and drinking on the asphalt. Our favorite photo? This classic Maifest brat-and-beer combo from **@luciehmacias**. And while it didn't quite fit our theme, we'd also like to give a shoutout to the hilarious pig-in-a-stroller-at-Do-Division photo from **@gesska**. This week, show us your favorite fest outfit—yours or someone else's—and make sure to use the hashtag **#GetFested**.

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Where: 3200 N. Sheffield Ave.
When: Noon-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
How much: \$5 suggested donation
Don't miss: Tribute bands are the name of the
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PRINTERS ROW LIT FEST

Where: Various locations on or around Dearborn Street between Congress and Polk streets When: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday How much: Free admission to festival and outdoors

events; \$1 reservation fee for ticketed indoor events (Reserve online: **printersrowlitfest.org**)

Don't miss: Produced by Chicago Tribune, this annual celebration of books and literature isn't just for nerds. RedEye will have its own stage this year, where you can catch a live taping of Lenny Gilmore and Jessica

Galliart's "Mistakes We Made" podcast (1 p.m. Saturday), try your hand at an adult spelling bee (5 p.m. Saturday) or laugh along with The Kates comedy show (noon Sunday). Of course, there are plenty of readings, workshops and cooking demos outside of the RedEye stage, plus food for purchase from Jerk Modern Jamaican Grill and Chubby Wieners food trucks.



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BOOKINGIT

By Veronica Wilson | FOR REDEYE

A publishing company was never part of the plan. The name belonged to a college band. The book that started it all began as a simple writing exercise.

Whether you credit an entrepreneurial spirit, love of literature or too many nights of drinking and sharing ideas, Curbside Splendor was born of deep passion.

Victor David Giron always wanted to be creative, hoping to go to college for philosophy. Abandoning that dream out of respect for the work his immigrant parents put into establishing themselves in the U.S., he instead majored in business at the University of Illinois.

But that creative itch never went away, and

as he began to document high school memories, Giron realized he had the beginnings of a novel. He wrote the semi-autobiographical "Sophomoric Philosophy," but when it came time to publish, the process of selling the book seemed like a "black pit."

Instead, Giron forged his own path, teaming up with artistic friends to found a fake publishing company, Curbside Splendor. Named after his band at U. of I., the group released "Sophomoric Philosophy" in October 2010.

Fake or not, Curbside Splendor sparked something in Giron, and he began to participate in more literary events. In 2011 he came across Jacob Knabb, then-editor in chief of Another Chicago magazine. While spending

PRINTER'S ROW LIT FEST

Go: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dearborn Street between Congress and Polk streets

time scheming together on barstools, Giron and Knabb realized they had found what they needed to grow a successful business.

"I'd been on the scene in Chicago for a decade and done tons of different readings and parties and all kinds of different things and curated monthly series, so for me it was kind of old," said Knabb, 38, who had dreamed of

Local publishing house Curbside Splendor is turning the page for new Chicago authors

taking his knowledge of Chicago's literary scene to steer his magazine toward publishing. "I saw it all again through fresh eyes in talking to Victor. And he had all this excitement and I did too."

Giron, 40, understood Knabb's ideas and thought his own business skills might help turn the ideas into reality.

"I just sort of was drawn to his personality and his passion for books," Giron said.

They started publishing books, with Giron at the helm as president and publisher and Knabb working as editor in chief in charge of acquisitions. Success came fast with Amber Sparks' "May We Shed These Human Bodies," named the Best Small Press Debut

of 2012 by The Atlantic, and "Chicago Stories —40 Dramatic Fictions," by Michael Czyzniejewski, which also garnered national attention. As a result, Curbside was picked up by Consortium Book Sales and Distributors in 2012.

"In order to make that sort of leap, we had to start operating as a real publishing company," Giron said.

This meant no more publishing on a whim—these days, Curbside's schedule is planned well in advance. The duo hired their first full-time staffer, managing editor Naomi Huffman, 25, a longtime fan of Curbside through her role as assistant literary editor at Newcity.

"[Giron and Knabb] are two men that have huge separate lives aside from Curbside," said Huffman, noting Giron's position in the finance department of a large spirits company, Knabb's teaching job in Lake Forest and their growing families. "They have all of these things that can prove to be distractions or can prove to be enough to fulfill and make a life happy, but they're still very dedicated to Curbside and making it into a profitable business. They're also very dedicated to publishing emerging voices and Chicago voices in particular."

Huffman has demonstrated her own devotion, allowing her West Town apartment to become the company's headquarters. Her living room is piled with two dozen boxes of books.

"That means that everything that I do at Curbside happens at my kitchen table," she said. "Interns will be working with me out of my apartment."

Though Curbside's catalog continues to grow, with eight books being released this spring and summer and 12 more following during the fall and winter, its authors will continue to experience the dedication Bill Hillmann, author of "The Old Neighborhood," felt while releasing his book.

The team accompanied 32-year-old Hillmann, a longtime boxer, to the Golden Gloves boxing finals, where Huffman and Curbside intern Lanna Flack sat at a merchandise table selling his books.

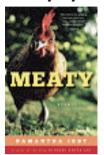
"Damn man, these are really cool people, man, to give up their Friday and Saturday night to hang out at a boxing event and, like, get hit on by dirty old men and stuff," Hillmann remembers thinking. "You can just tell that they really love what they're doing. That's rare in life, that you can find people that are able to do what they really love."

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MEET THE AUTHORS

Samantha Irby, Bill Hillmann and Megan Stielstra will speak at this year's Printers' Row Lit Fest. Check out their books before you go.

'Meaty' by Samantha Irby



After her blog, "Bitches Gotta Eat," grew in popularity, Samantha Irby, 34, was approached by multiple publishers about a book deal—but most wanted to use what was already on her blog.

"I think it's so crazy to charge people for something you put on the Internet for free," Irby said.

"I wanted a new challenge and wanted to do something else."

While Irby believes her readers appreciate the honesty in her personal essays, she said it since has led to some awkward conversations.

"It is weird when someone is talking to me and then I think about how detailed I've been about my butthole," she said.

'The Old Neighborhood' by Bill Hillmann



Bill Hillmann's book takes readers on a journey through his own upbringing in Edgewater.

"I describe it as a kid struggling to find himself in a changing and dynamic neighborhood," Hillmann, 32, said. "He's verging on the point where he's going to end up taking somebody's life.

He really needs somebody to save him."

Hillmann said he still can't believe the work put in by Knabb and the Curbside team, especially in creating the perfect cover for his book. He and Knabb spent a day hanging out in Edgewater with a lowrider and one of Hillmann's boxer friends, shooting images until they created the perfect piece. "It's the coolest cover I could've imagined," he said.

'Once I was Cool' by Megan Stielstra



A few weeks after beginning to speak to Curbside, Megan Stielstra, 38, found out that one of her essays would be included in Best American Essays 2013.

"That was such a huge moment for me for all sorts of different reasons," she said. "To see that the work that I was

crafting to speak out loud had value on the page as well and could mean something to readers in the same way that it meant something to a listening audience." v.w.



eat@drink

Does bacon make everything better at Kaiser Tiger?

By Michael Nagrant I FOR REDEVE

I'd like to say that Chicago is officially over the bacon craze, but evidence to the contrary just keeps coming. Baconfest, the local annual festival of all things bacon, just celebrated its sixth year serving 4,500 guests and 7,800 pounds of bacon. On Saturday, Chicago welcomes the Bacon Chase, a 5K run (or a 0.05K dash for the ultimate slacker) with bacon-scented race bibs and unlimited bacon at the finish line. And now there's Kaiser Tiger in the West Loop, a beer, bacon and sausage hall serving up deep-fried bacon, bacon sausages, bacon dipping sauces and bacon flights. It seems you can't keep a good pig down. MICHAEL MAGRANT IS A REDEWE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

Kaiser Tiger 1415 W. Randolph St. 312-243-3100 Take it or leave it

WHAT'S WITH THE NAME?

Co-owner Chris Latchford said he wanted to use a German word in his meat-centric restaurant's name to honor butchers, who were usually "old German guys," and "kaiser" means king or caesar in German. The choice to feature a tiger as the restaurant's namesake was more serendipitous. "[I] came up with this logo design where I put a top hat on a Tiger and I liked it." he said.





It also seems that bacon does not make everything better. At least not when it came to Kaiser Tiger's bacon grenades (\$12), which are deep-fried, beer-battered, bacon-wrapped spicy beef and pork meatballs. The batter was sweet, but dense and crumbly, like a Long John Silver's hush puppy that had been tanning under a heat lamp for far too long. The bacon inside and the crusty remains of the meatball had me lapping up the side dish of Three Floyds Alpha King beer-spiked barbecue sauce like a parched desert traveler.

Then again, legends falter once in a while. Bacon came back strong in another dish called The Bomb-think mom's meatloaf reinvented by a meth-bingeing Guy Fieritype-in which a lattice of crispy brown sugar-rubbed bacon slices enrobes two pounds of pork, two pounds of beef and a pound of pepper bacon all inflamed with a blend of sriracha, horseradish and other spices. Kaiser Tiger co-owner Chris Latchford can't take credit for the creation. "We didn't invent it. The recipe has been on the Internet for years, but we bring some sweetness and spice to it that no one else has," he said. "It's been good for us. ... We serve it at our other bar, Paddy Long's, and we were on Travel Channel and Food Network because of it."

A whole five-pound bomb costs \$70 and likely would require the commitment of at least five other drunk paleo-dieting friends. The good news is that you can get a slice of the bomb topped with bubbling pepper jack cheese, a dollop of the Alpha King barbecue sauce, lettuce, tomato and onion all served on a pillowy bun for \$14. This is the route I took. The barbecue sauce and the crispy, cooling veggies offer a nice contrast to the rich fire and sweetness of the meat. Though for \$14, I wish it would have included a side of excellent house-cut Belgian frites. Then again, a single order of frites, which really is enough for two people, is only \$3 and comes with a side of dipping sauce. You can choose from eight different sauces; I dug the creamy, smoky blue cheese-bacon-walnut dip.



Though I focused on the over-the-top bacon items, I also had enough room to sample some of the sausages. Local outfit Makowski's Real Sausage Co. makes them especially for Kaiser Tiger using co-owner Pat Berger's recipes. They were incredibly juicy with snappy casings; I especially liked the chicken muchacho (\$12), a jalapeno-tequila sausage that tasted a touch like a spicy margarita/ green chili taco meal in encased meat form.

Undeniably, beer still does make everything better, and the list at Kaiser Tiger, which features 24 drafts including Three Floyds' coveted Zombie Dust pale ale, is pretty killer. I also highly recommend the eminently bitter, skunky and yet highly drinkable Dark Horse double IPA Smells Like a Safety Meeting (\$8 for 10 ounces; \$4 for 5 ounces).

The other certainty about Kaiser Tiger is that it is a man's man's mancave filled with tufted leather banquettes and industrial iron railings. Dudes outnumbered ladies at least two to one when I visited, ensuring that even if it isn't exactly a triumphant bacon fest, Kaiser Tiger certainly is a sausage fest.

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Plein Air Cafe

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This Hyde Park cafe recently opened its patio with seating for 50 at reclaimed wood picnic tables featuring floral centerpieces of foxglove, layender, hellebore and blue fescue grass. Order your coffee, tartine or pastry at the European-style counter inside, then relax with your meal in the shadow of the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Robie House next door.

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Slippery Slope

2357 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-799-8504 Come for the dancing, stay for the booze and Skee-Bail. This new Logan Square bar from the Scofflaw (and now-shuttered Bonny's) team brings the party with resident DJs Major Taylor and Super Friends. Read our review online at redeyechicago.com/slope.



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A new way to pay for Riot Fest tickets

Chicago Tribune

Music lovers who struggle to buy tickets to Riot Fest have a new option to pay for the three-day celebration of punk, rock and hip hop: layaway.

For the first time, the organizers of the 10-year-old festival announced today that fans can purchase their tickets with a layaway option, where they pay in three or four installments. The move is a way to make the event more accessible to the 50,000 plus people that crowd into Humboldt Park to hear the bands play.

"We just really always want to help our fans," said Michael Petryshyn, the founder of the festival, which takes place in September. "We came up with the idea a few weeks ago, and the reason being [that] festivals tend to be pretty expensive. We try to keep our tickets as reasonable as possible, but there are still people who can't afford to go."

Riot Fest is a neighborhood parade of live

RIOT FEST 2014

When: Sept. 12-14 Where: Humboldt Park Tickets: riotfest.org/chicago/

concerts that stretches over a weekend. This year's festival will feature Wu-Tang Clan, Jane's Addiction, The Cure and The Flaming Lips among more than 100 other bands.

Three-day passes to the festival cost about \$190. This is the first year the festival is offering the layaway option, and it's the first festival to offer such a payment plan in Chicago, Petryshyn said.

"We're trying to find creative ways to make the festival affordable," he said. "This is a trial run for us and so far the response has been overwhelming. We've been getting emails and hits on social media. The reaction is, 'Thank you so much.' And we say, 'See you at the show.'"







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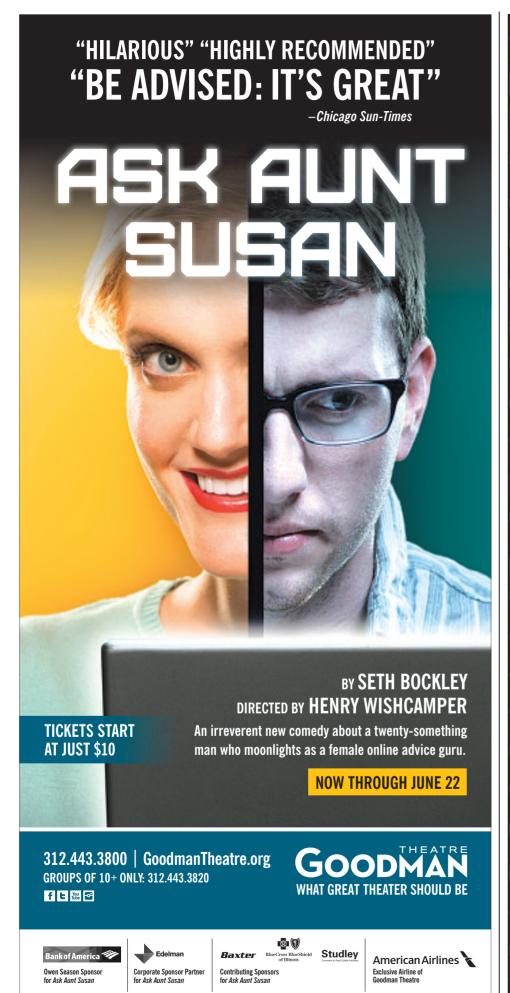
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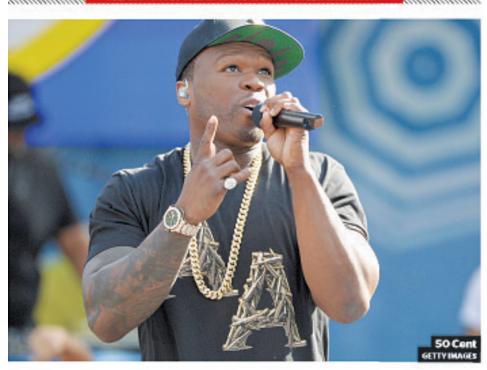




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Animal Ambition: An Untarned Desire to Win 50 Cent



By Ernest Wilkins

REDEVE When we met 50 Cent 11 years ago, he was a bulletproof vest-wearing death. cheater. He had personality. He cracked jokes. I watched interviews with him just to see what he was going to say.

Now, for his first album in five years, the rapper born Curtis Jackson has chosen

the title "Animal Ambition: An Untamed Desire to Win" despite showcasing the least ambition he's ever had. He sounds like one of the lazy, affluent rappers that "How to Rob"-era 50 would have ... well, robbed. This isn't a document of what his life is like now or a purposeful retread of what it used to be. This is 50 Cent without emotion or nuance, absently delivering the formula of a 50 Cent song as if it were a computer-generated product built for mainstream consumption. It's different and more insulting than the way other acts (looking at you, Jay Z) phone it in years removed from achieving huge success.

So instead of a traditional music review, let's treat the album as if it were an item at an online marketplace like Amazon.

GetMitchOrDieTryin says:

I've been buying 50 Cent for 11 years or so now. My cool cousin from New York used to always have it and recommended I try it myself. My first experience with it was soooooooo goood! The inspiring quotes! The ruthless worldview! The reminder that one should get rich or die trying! I was hooked and told all my friends to use it.

After a few years, it felt like they changed the formula a bit. The inspiration was still there (that "I Get Money" still gets me to this day), but it got less and less effective. I'll admit: I stopped buying it. Recently, I got word on Twitter that 50 Cent was releasing an album for the first time in years and was even doing a G-Unit reunion later this year! After hearing that dose of straight up nostalgia, I bought "Animal Ambition." Man, was it DIS-A-PPOINTING. I mean, the potency has worn down from Grade-A to a level resembling high-fructose corn syrup. The whole shtick about being rich and being richer than I am and "Oh, hey, did you hear I'm rich?" got old quick.

Additives are usually powerful on 50 Cent products, but the appearances by Jadakiss, Styles P and Prodigy were one-dimensional and lazy. There's also this new guy called Kidd Kidd that is all over the record and doesn't add much to the proceedings. Kidd Kidd needs to Quit Quit. I like "Smoke," but I'm not sure I'll recommend this to my friends.

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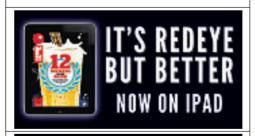
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movies

8 movies that really cued up our waterworks

By Matt Pais | REDEYE

Anyone who's read John Green's "The Fault in Our Stars" knows why people are planning to bring boxes of tissues to the movie this weekend. Seriously, some people probably bawled during the trailer. On that note, here are a few movies that made the RedEve staff crv.



Simon Birch

In the most memorable scene, the main character, a 12-year-old with physical disabilities, kills the mom of his only friend when he hits a foul ball in Little League. Every scene is nearly as ridiculous, but I found "Simon Birch" devastating at the time and left the theater oozing snot and tears into my popcorn bucket. LENNY GILMORE

Beaches

I've been watching this movie since I was 4 years old, meaning "Beaches" has been making me cry since 1988. Watching Hillary (played by Barbara Hershey and Barbara Hershey's original nose, mouth and chin) and CC (Bette Midler) grow together as best friends throughout a few decades is heartwarming. But it all comes crashing down when Hillary becomes terminally ill and takes her final breaths on a beach with CC by her side. Mix with a side of "Wind Beneath My Wings" and you've got one ugly cry cocktail, my friends. JESSICA CANTARELLI



Man, that movie. I was 8 years old when I first saw it and remember bawling because (spoiler alert) Mufasa died. How's a kid supposed to go on after seeing something like that?!?! JAY ST. PIERRE

Pearl Harbor

I don't know if it was the way the music perfectly swells to push me over the edge into a sobbing mess, the fact I've seen it so many times I can anticipate the emotional scenes or my teenage crush on Josh Hartnett. But this movie always requires an entire box of tissues. ALY MORRIS

It's My **Party**

It's a gutwrenching end-of-life love story. I cried my eyes out in big, audible sobs



Forrest (Tom Hanks) spent his whole life loving Jenny (Robin Wright) so much. When he goes to the cemetery and tells her about their son-jeez, it gets me just thinking about it. "If there's anything you need," he says before leaving, in case any viewers haven't totally lost it. "I won't be far away." matt pais

Armageddon

Josh Hartnett (from left), Ben Affleck and Alec Baldwin in "Pearl Harbor"

> Just a few notes of Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss A Thing" brings back all the feelings from this 1998 tearjerker about a space mission to destroy an asteroid careening toward Earth. The saying-goodbye-forever dialogue between Harry (Bruce Willis) and his daughter, Grace (Liv Tyler), when he decides to sacrifice himself to save the world, made me all-out bawl from the first few words: "Grace, I know I promised you I was coming home. It looks like I'm going to have to break that promise." LISA ARNETT

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Not only does this movie make me cry, it's so soul-crushing that I'm not sure I can watch it anymore. The scene that really gets me: Under the safety of sheets and blankets, Clementine (Kate Winslet) tells Joel (Jim Carrey) the story of her 8-year-old self, yelling at an ugly doll she'd named Clementine. She can't even make eye contact as she shares the memory, and we get the sense that this is the moment when Clementine really lays her soul bare. Joel rolls over and kisses her, saying over and over, "You're pretty, you're pretty." Just ... bawling. DANA MORAN



The heart cannot be denied what it wants



FAST PAISED

Matt Pais

v inpaise tribune.com w @mattpais As much as I complain about comic book movie—some of them are good, but enough already—the source material is ripe for big-screen adaptation. What's not as easy, despite the similarly devoted fanbase, is translating a beloved novel whose greatest strengths are emotional and whose heroes don't

wear capes. The beautiful romance of former Chicagoan John Green's powerful and widely popular "The Fault in Our Stars" stays beautiful in movie form, though the filmmaking often fails to do it justice.

(Reminder: This is a review of the movie, not the book or the story, both of which I support enthusiastically.)

To its credit, "The Fault in Our Stars" remains a drama about people who have cancer,



The Fault in Our Stars

not a cancer drama about cancer patients. It's got some wit and writers (the team behind "The Spectacular Now" and "[500] Days of Summer") who can be funny and sweet. Hazel (Shailene Woodley) has survived longer than expected, and the charismatic Augustus (Ansel Elgort, Woodley's brother in "Divergent") has had no evidence of cancer for more than a year. They develop a relationship that's meant to be a big love, way bigger than nonsense in something like "Endless Love." And it is. What happens between Hazel and Augustus isn't bound by age or the amount of time they've spent together. They experience the euphoria and devastation of deep connection, kicked off from the ever-relatable swapping of things they love (in this case, books) and, at least for Hazel, turning her not-yet-ringing phone into a watched pot.

It's disappointing, then, that director Josh



Boone ("Stuck in Love") has such a rigid feel for the material, keeping the bullet points and sacrificing the details. "The Fault in Our Stars" maintains the sadness and frustration of Green's book, but the novel's dimensions are lost as the observation and poetry trickle away, and general ideas are replicated without

the necessary context.

With less of Hazel's first-person perspective, the peaks and valleys of anticipation and pain aren't as high or low. And for a film that begins with the main character declaring, "This is the truth. Sorry," the sprinkling of pop songs atop large moments of feeling seems to contradict what Green's book so eloquently reveals: that significant moments in life, including death, aren't artificially enhanced scenes out of movies. Their spontaneity is what makes them real or wonderful or tragic. He sees illness as a specific, awful complication in a world where everyone is living and dying at a different rate, but on screen the comparatively light-on-conflict "The Fault in Our Stars" only embraces the tip of the rough edges.

Of course, movies rarely live up to their books. I got choked up a few times and saw plenty of bleary eyes after the screening. Amid very good casting (including Laura Dern as Hazel's mom), "The Fault in Our Stars" captures genuine courage and the incredible luck and impact that comes with being your favorite person's favorite person.



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Well-executed deja vu

FAST PAISED Matt **Pais**

movies

In 1993's "Groundhog Day," a grumpy weatherman (Bill Murray) rode an emotional roller coaster while reliving the same day on repeat. Long before YOLO

was and then wasn't a thing, the movie told an unexpectedly winning story about how to live and that, to an extent, any day can be a great day. (Certain terms and conditions may apply.)

Now it's another trip around the clock with "Edge of Tomorrow," an entertaining version of a video store clerk making a love connection between the boxes for "Groundhog Day" and "Starship Troopers." Based on the 2004 Japanese novel "All You Need is Kill," "Edge of Tomorrow" stars Tom Cruise as a man ... forced to relive the same day on repeat. It's much like "Groundhog Day," with small-town Pennsylvania replaced by mid-apocalypse London and the groundhog replaced by alien invaders who are ugly blurs of tentacles and death. Through a perceived



loophole in the aliens' behavior, Cage (Cruise), made to become a soldier, wakes up and starts over every time he dies in a battle to, as usual, save humanity.

Cage's lone ally is a famous super-soldier named Rita (Emily Blunt, who also messed with time in "Looper"). That also was the name of Andie MacDowell's "Groundhog Day" character, which I assume author Hiroshi Sakurazaka and the film's writers (including "The Usual Suspects" scribe Christopher McQuarrie) wouldn't call a coincidence. Rita tells Cage to find her after he dies, suggesting she can help in this futuristic wasteland that's more compelling than Cruise's "Oblivion." Director Doug Liman ("The Bourne Identity") keeps the action pumping, particularly in a military attack sequence that's like a sci-fi "Saving Private Ryan." In a summer when so far only "Godzilla" has generated excitement

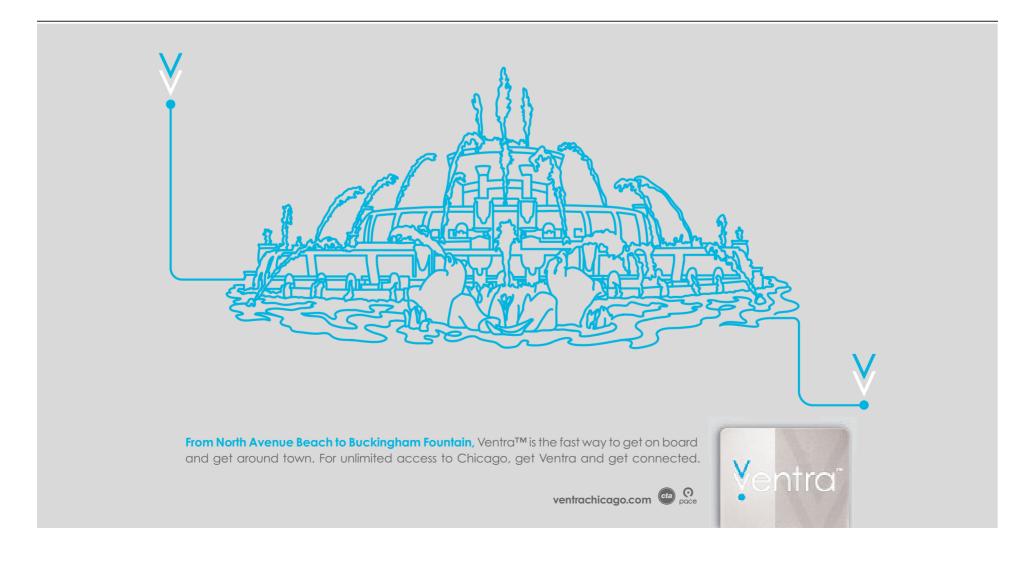


from its spectacle, "Edge of Tomorrow" gets it done.

"Tomorrow" isn't surprising or about much, though, quickly moving toward familiar chronological gymnastics and away from a topical notion of how much easier it is to recruit folks to fight than do the fighting yourself. Where Phil initially panicked in "Groundhog Day," Cage adapts to his role

guite calmly.

"Edge of Tomorrow" is kinda funny and never boring, even as you think just how many non-alien-related movies (including "About Time," "Source Code" and even "The Truman Show") fall under the same umbrella. Perhaps it's appropriate that "Edge" feels like hearing a joke for the second time and still mildly chuckling.





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A flawed, familiar fight

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At the Maine private high school where he teaches honors English, Jack (Clive Owen) enjoys forcing his colleagues to play a game. It's not as macabre as Jigsaw's

demands in "Saw," though Jack's nearly as pushy. He says a five-syllable word, and the other person must reply with another fivesyllable word beginning with the next letter of the alphabet. A word Jack should start using: "insufferable." That's what he is during much of "Words and Pictures," a low-stakes drama that shoots for intellectual flirting but mostly creates pretentious jibber-jabber.

Jack, a former literary star who calls haiku "early tweets" and relentlessly notes words' derivations, has become a bitter shadow of himself. He's an alcoholic because this is a movie about a writer. Creative rejuvenation comes, sort of, in the form of Dina Delsanto (Juliette Binoche), an honors art teacher struggling with rheumatoid arthritis who at



Words and Pictures

first thinks Jack is a "madman." He's heard that she's been called "the icicle," and their relationship gets off to the kind of salty start that only can lead to romance. Meanwhile, they enliven their classes through a fierce battle over which are more important, words or pictures.

Inspiring previously indifferent students is a good thing, though each main character makes a total of one interesting statement-Jack denying anyone can become who they used to be and Dina wondering if a person's work ever represents the best of them. "Dead Poets Society," which "Words and Pictures" blatantly rips off with a crass student calling Jack "my captain," showed how to make onscreen poetry sing-and it wasn't a song of smug obnoxiousness.

Yet director Fred Schepisi ("Fierce Creatures," "Mr. Baseball") and writer Gerald Di Pego ("Phenomenon"), also borrowing from



"School Ties" and "The Words" and at times approaching the grating "Admission," address no juicy or profound issues in their debate. The ultimate showdown in the tiresome "Words and Pictures" exclusively includes quotes from legendary writers but no classic works of art. As if we weren't already dealing

with apples and oranges.

If you're going to depict a war, depict a war—not a casual, hypothetical disagreement that ultimately has no answer and doesn't matter. We could talk all day about the value of movies vs. music or dance vs. sports. But we don't need to.



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Is oral sex degrading?



Anna Pullev Dear Anna, Last week me and my friend had a discussion about oral sex and how some women think it's wrong. I think it's perfectly fine to give your partner oral sex. If I can't give my boyfriend actual sex, then I give him oral. When it comes to your partner, is it honestly a horrible thing to do? -Anon.

Dear Anon..

In all my years as a sex columnist, never have I once seen the words "horrible" and "oral" in the same sentence, not even in a dirty limerick or Kanye West song, which is surprising because they make a near-perfect rhyme.

Oral sex has its detractors, (as we learned a few weeks ago), but it remains a fairly popular practice among heterosexuals, though not as popular as vaginal sex. According to the CDC, 45 percent of females and 48 percent of males ages 15-19 have had oral sex. The numbers bounce to 81 percent for females and 80 percent for males in the 20-24 age group. Lest you think this is just a byproduct of the slutty youth demographic, one study involving 57- to 85-year-old adults showed that "58 percent of sexually active respondents in the youngest age group reported engaging in oral sex" and 31 percent did in the oldest. While oral sex is not as popular a pastime as, say, consuming pizza,

it's pretty high up there on the list of Things Americans Like.

I am struggling to come up with ways oral sex might conceivably be construed as "horrible." Cosmo's advice involving fellating a donut comes to mind. If you belonged to a group of kinky, show-off acrobats who requested you perform a combination beej/ handstand, that, too, would be horrible. Going down on someone with a penis tattoo of Kenny G playing a saxophone? Also borrible.

But your run-of-the-mill cunnilingus or fellatio? I'd say even on a bad day, the act of performing oral sex on a consenting adult should be no more unpleasant than a mild chore, akin to flossing while tired. It's not everyone's cup of lube, of course. And those who dislike oral sex, or find it degrading or immoral, are free to remove their kneepads and take up a different hobby, like scrapbooking.

I also suppose those who think oral sex is "wrong" are referring to a religious or moral stigma. Since oral sex doesn't lead to procreation, religious leaders wrote the act off as a "sin" and then went home to bang their six wives. But outside of strict religious dogma, oral sex hasn't been perceived as "taboo" in a long time, at least since the mainstreaming of porn in the '70s.

Regardless of how you feel about the kneel, no one should try to shame you for a sex act you enjoy. That would be horrible.

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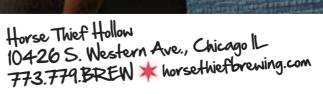
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red hot



Fox likes lke

Apparently TV's funniest ladies love working with Ike Barinholtz. The "Mindy Project" star has landed a lead role alongside Army Poehler and Tina Fey in Fox's "The Nest," thr.com reports. The comedy revolves around two adult sisters who throw one final rager before their parents sell the family home. We have yet to get our invitation to said rager ("ahem"), but are definitely planning to see this movie.

HOT DATE

JULY 19

That's when Maroon 5 singer Adam Levine will marry model Behati Prinsloo, eonline.com reports. They'll exchange vows on a beach in Los Cabos, Mexico. How El got this information, we do not know, but we seriously hope there was a mailed invitation involved.

Cruise control

Jay Pharoah

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On Wednesday night's episode of "Conan," Emily Blunt confessed to nearly committing a crime against Cruise. Her "Edge of Tomorrow" co-star Tom. that is, Blunt crashed a stunt car into a tree, with Cruise in the passenger seat, after ignoring his instructions to brake on time. "He was actually laughing," she said, "And I told him. I said, "I thought you were being so annoying." when you told me to say brake, and I apologize." Good God, woman, do not mess with Scientology.

We want more McConaughey Matthew McConaughey has a confession to make: He totally would've done more seasons of "True Detective." "I liked 'True Detective,' the whole series and the experience of making it, so much that I'd be open to doing another one now." he told deadline.com. though he said that when he signed his original contract, he wouldn't have jumped on board for more. Lesson learned, dude.

I believe they set it up like that. They knew we would've went H.A.M. on

McConaughey

them if they hadn't. That's why they waited. Kim was like, Just make sure it's after "SNL." and Kanye's like, 'That's right, baby. They not gonna pound me. This is our day. This is our day, and it's special, OK, baby?' 'What!? Where's the baby at? Where's North West?' Oh! I left her on

- "SNL" star Jay Pharoah, on why Kim Kardashian and Kanye West held their wedding after the show went on hiatus for the summer. Read it in their voices-it's wildly funny.

the ceiling fan. I'll get her tomorrow."

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